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SUBJECT:MODE - COAST GUARD REQUEST TO ASSIGN A RESIDENT
MARINE INSPECTOR AT ULSAN

REF: COMDT COGARD 142121Z MAR 78

1. REFTTEL NOTIFIED EMBASSY THAT HYUNDAI SHIPBUILDING AND
HEAVY INDUSTRIES HAS WON CONTRACTS TO CONSTRUCT OR CONVERT
SEVERAL U.S. FLAG VESSELS AT ULSAN SHIPYARD. U.S. COAST
GUARD (USCG), HAVING RESPONSIBILITY TO ENFORCE CONSTRUCTION
AND OPERATION REGULATIONS OF U.S. REGISTERED VESSELS, IN
MARCH ASSIGNED MARINE INSPECTOR MAGUIRE ON TEMPORARY DUTY
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ORDERS TO CONDUCT INITIAL INSPECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT CON-
STRUCTION MEETS U.S. CERTIFICATION STANDARDS.

2. USCG ANTICIPATES MAGUIRE WILL COMPLETE HIS INITIAL
WORK AND DEPART KOREA DURING SUMMER 1978. HOWEVER, VOLUME
OF INSPECTION EFFORT IS SUCH THAT USCG BELIEVES IT NECESS-
ARY TO ASSIGN A RESIDENT COMMERCIAL VESSEL INSPECTOR,

BILLET CODE 41, AT ULSAN TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY THROUGH THE DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION (ESTIMATED 12 - 15 MONTHS) OF DRILL RIG TENDER FOR MCDERMOTT FIRM. OFFICER NOMINATED IS LT. DOUGLAS R. HALSEY, USCG, PRESENTLY IN KOREA ON OFFICIAL U.S. PASSPORT AND SHORT-TERM VISA, WHO WOULD RETURN TO HIS

NORMAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT ON COMPLETION OF PROJECT IN 1979.

3. IN ORDER TO RESIDE AT ULSAN, HALSEY WILL NEED APPROPRIATE IMMIGRATION STATUS AS A U.S. INSPECTOR PLUS SUCH PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AS EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE FOR USG OFFICIAL. HE WOULD ARRANGE FOR HIS OWN QUARTERS AND WOULD EXPECT NO SIGNIFICANT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FROM THE EMBASSY. FYI. FOURTEENTH COGARD DISTRICT HONOLULU (RADM MOREAU) HAS COMMUNICATED DIRECTLY WITH MR. T. H. KIM OF HYUNDAI FIRM, REQUESTING THAT ACTION BE INITIATED WITH ROKG TO EXPEDITE (THROUGH EMBASSY) LT. HALSEY'S CLEARANCE WITH APPROPRIATE IMMIGRATION STATUS. END FYI.

4. SEVERAL FACTORS ARGUE FOR ACCORDING RESIDENT STATUS TO LT.HALSEY ON A LENGTH-OF-PROJECT BASIS: (A) INSPECTION IS A REQUIRED ACTIVITY; (B) OWNERS REIMBURSE USCG FOR SOME COSTS; (C) USCG IS PLANNING TO REDUCE ITS MODE LEVEL BY END OF FY 78 TO ABOUT 410 (FROM 465). THEREFORE, SUBJECT TO EMBASSY COMMENTS, DEPARTMENT PLANS TO APPROVE USCG REQUEST, ESTABLISHING USCG MODE LEVEL IN KOREA AT ONE AMERICAN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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